

# ROBINSON & EWART'S

## 15 Days' Sale. Tremendous Drop in Prices!

This time of year is known to the trade as BETWEEN SEASONS. Too late for much winter sales and too early for Spring. Large consignments of new goods are crowding us for store room, and something must be done. We have decided to make a general slaughter in prices such as few have ever witnessed. In many cases we have cut the former prices in two. Many of the lines we are offering in this sale mean a big loss to us, but in our present crowded condition we have no alternative. If we must sell below cost we're bound to do so on a grand scale. Here are some eye-openers for Wide-awake Money Saving Buyers.

### ...MEN'S BARGAIN LIST...

- Men's Fine Dongola lace boots, light and solid, always sold at \$1.35 to \$1.50, sale price \$1.
- Men's Fine Buff Boots, lace or gaiter, whole cut foxing, solid in sole. Regular price \$1.35 to \$1.60, our sale price \$1 only.
- Men's Fine Boston Calf Lace boots, whole cut uppers, hand riveted soles, no better wearers made. Regular \$1.50, now, \$1.
- Men's Felt Gaiters, flannel lined, extra good. These were \$1.10 and \$1.25 lines, all going at 75c.

### ...BOYS' BARGAIN LIST...

- Boys' size 1 to 5, fine Dongola lace boots, were extra value at \$1.25. Selling all we have now at only 90c.
- Boys' Split lace boots, pegged soles, good school boots. Regular price 85 and 90c, now selling at 75c.
- Youths' same as above line, sizes 11, 12, 13, only 60c.
- Boys' Fine Boston Calf lace boots, grain tops. Regular \$1, now 80c.
- Boys' Oil grain hand bottomed lace boots, regular \$1.25 to \$1.50. Our sale price \$1.

### ...WOMEN'S BARGAIN LIST...

- Women's Dongola lace or button boots, real fine goods, sewed soles. Regular price never less than \$1.25, while they last 75c.
- Women's Fine Vici Kid lace or button boots, were \$2.15. Selling all we have, 13 prs at \$1.25.
- Women's Dongola Oxford turn sole, extra fine, were \$1.25, now 75c.
- Misses' sizes 11 to 2, fine button boots, neat looking, regular price 90c, sale 60c.
- Misses' Oil Pebble lace boots, flannel lined, solid in sole, extra good school shoe. Our regular price \$1.25, sale 80c.

Special Discount Sale for next 15 Days on all Trunks and Valises. This will be a money saving opportunity for all. If you don't attend this sale the loss will be yours.

### CASH, ONE PRICE TO ALL!

# ROBINSON & EWART, 74 Kent-st. LINDSAY

### THE WATCHMAN-WARDER

INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER. PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY MORNING AT 115 AND 117 KENT-ST., LINDSAY, ONT.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.—In advance 75 cents; at end of year \$2.00. Good clubbing arrangements with leading Canadian papers.

CIRCULATION.—THE WATCHMAN-WARDER'S circulation is 5,000, of which 4,500 copies go within trading distance of the town.

### THE FARMERS' INSURANCE CO.

One of the local ventures that seems to have swung into the highway of success is the Farmers' Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Because of alleged heavy losses on farm risks, most of the stock companies long ago either refused those risks altogether or accepted them at rates that threatened the farmer's possessions, more than did the fire fund. As a result they, in many places, united to carry their own insurance. These local companies have proved fairly successful and of great advantage to farmers.

The usual premium is a small cash payment and a note for a supplementary sum. It is hoped that the losses will be met by the cash but if not, collections are made on the notes to supply the sum required. The notes and cash together always equal an amount that will with practical certainty exceed the losses, so that all policies are secure. The worst that could happen within the range of any sort of probability would be that insurers would be called upon to cash the notes they had given. With operating expenses at the lowest point and the risks all carefully selected, insurers know that they are getting insurance at cost and are satisfied. We believe this method is the proper one for farmers and trust that having kept a careful eye on the management, they will stand by these organizations even when the stress comes. Suppose the premium note has to be paid; if the losses make it necessary there is no room for complaint. A man must either pay the cost of insurance or go without any.

The Victoria County Company has done well. Its growth has been as much in popular favor as in assets. It is doing the work that it set out to do and doing it under the direction of the government. Farmers see the logic of its method and the sincerity of its purpose and the most conservative and shrewd among them are among its patrons. We commend the Farmers' Mutual to our agriculturist readers.

### THE LIGHT QUESTION

The Light, Heat and Power Co. has presented its ultimatum. It is not necessary that the bad grace into which that word has come of late should be attached to that deliverance. It is definite and business like—a thing to be accepted or rejected. The anxiety of council for the next few days will be to discover which.

That is not an easy task. It should have been. That it is not is the fault of the lighting committee. The people began early enough to get ready for the company's last word when it should come. They appointed men to find out the things that ought to be known when that time should arrive. They gave those men time, secrecy, money, and the utmost confidence. The time is past, the money spent, the confidence betrayed, and to day instead of the information needed, the people have a committee who publicly repudiate their own report and declare that what they said a civic plant would cost, is really not what it will cost and that their statement is a public deception. After all the time and expense the council nor people have anything with which to compare the company's offer, and no man can intelligently say what the town should do. The

conduct of that committee has been an expensive humbug to the town and a rank injustice to the company. The only honorable thing for its members to do is to promptly furnish reliable information on this subject at their own expense. The people are not in a mood to be trifled with in such a fashion.

But now, where are we at? Our streets must be lighted. The problem still presses. All must recognize the council's difficulty, for it is called upon to make a choice between the known and the unknown. The whole question is at a standstill and it is a time for reflection rather than action. No one will now feel inclined to hurry the council. If as suggested the committee make haste to furnish the needed information regarding a civic plant at their own expense, the way may soon be plain, but their past record justifies little hope on that score. It is possible for council to employ experts and get the correct estimate at additional cost. That course would commend itself. There is another and one that, if its details can be arranged, we would advise. It is this: put in our own plant, run it by power purchased from the company, buy whatever street lighting they have, at an amicable valuation, and go on with lighting our streets.

That proposition is open to criticism but will likely stand it as well as any that has been put forward. It satisfies the principle of municipal ownership and control. We may as well use electric motor power manufactured at home as that generated by coal imported from the States. When some of our leading manufacturers are discarding steam for electricity the superiority of that power may be assumed. It seems that in any case the town will be required to buy the company's street plant before putting in one of its own. The probability is that some day the town will be ready to control the entire lighting system, and this plan will prevent our having a useless steam plant on our hands when that day comes. It will also enhance the cordial relations between the town and company by a compromise that will not sacrifice the town in either principle or money, while it will give the company an advantage that its enterprise deserves and will repay it for having to fight a man of straw in these negotiations.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

MR. WILLIAM FLAVELLE'S remarks on the English market published in last issue bear out our warning as to the prospect for next year's cheese prices, and ought to guide factories away from the whey peril.

THE TOWN has never had a more efficient and painstaking official than Mr. F. K. Begbie, superintendent of the waterworks. His phenomenal success with the plant while it was under company control, gave him no less prestige with the directors than with the people of this town who observed his work. That success was an absolute credential to the town when it took over the system, and Mr Begbie's request for increased salary is only in harmony with the amount and quality of his services.

FOR A framer of cunning contracts commend us to Solicitor Hopkins. His fame in this respect had gone abroad but has been further enhanced by the document under which he proposed that the town and lighting company should covenant. If a bargain should be made with the company the town will have nothing to fear if the solicitor's clauses prevail. It is to be hoped that council will stand by him in insisting that a contract must include the principles of the clauses objected to by the company, viz., that during the contract there shall be some guarantee of the fulfilment of its terms and that at its expiration the company's right to maintain the plant on the street will also terminate.

### Personals

—Miss Nettie Henderson is home on her holidays.

—Mr. J. A. Bucknell of Detroit was in town on Thursday.

—Miss Jamieson is in Toronto preparing for the millinery openings.

—Mrs. E. Williamson, Ridout-st., is visiting her parents at Colborne, Ont.

—Mrs. M. Jackson, dressmaker, is visiting friends at Toronto and Pickering.

—Mr. John Mallett who has been ill for six weeks is able to be on the street again.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brennan of St. Paul-st. celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday last.

—Mrs. Lewis Dyer returned on Monday from a visit to her sister Mrs. (Rev.) Madden of Meaford.

—Mrs. J. D. Flavelle has been seriously ill during the past week but is now considered out of danger.

—Gunner J. H. Perrin has applied for a position on the Baden-Powell police being recruited in Canada.

—Mr. J. S. Plunkett, accountant of the Bank of Montreal, is able to be down street after six weeks of pneumonia.

—Miss Winters was successful in the first and second examinations in vocal music at the Conservatory, Toronto, last week.

—Miss Nevada Parkin left for Toronto yesterday morning to attend the millinery openings and visit her sister Mrs. C. E. Linstrum.

—Mr. T. Ward an old resident of Ops who has been ill for a month was on Monday stricken with paralysis and is in a critical condition.

—Mr. Richard Free is recovering after a very severe illness. Mr. Free slipped and fell some weeks ago. The shock produced results that rendered him delirious for several days. Despite his age he is getting along nicely.

—Mr. Wm. Batty of Cobocok was in town Monday on business connected with the establishment of a co-operative cheese factory in that enterprising village. The move is a good one, and if rightly started cannot but prove successful. It will be a great convenience to the farmers of that section.

—Men's Spring Hats on show to day. Dundas & Flavelle Bros.

—Latest novelties in Silks opened this week. Dundas & Flavelle Bros.

### The Weather

(From the Lindsay Observatory) Report for week ending Saturday night, Feb. 23rd, 1901.

Temperature

Highest ... .. 31.60 Monday

Lowest ... .. 7.00 Thursday

Warmest day, mean of 24.65 Tuesday

Coldest day, mean of 2.80 Thursday

The week, mean of ... .. 14.57

Precipitations in inches

Greatest fall of snow in one day 0.6, Friday.

Snow fell on two days.

Total rain fall and melted snow 0.08

THOMAS BEALL.

### Births

Shier—Thursday, Feb. 7th, at Elgin, Manitoba, the wife of Mr. J. P. Shier, of a son.

Steel—In the township of Somerville on Feb. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. David Steel, a daughter.

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Smith—At Cannington, on Sunday, Feb. 17th, the wife of Mr. Chas. Smith, marble dealer, of a son.

### Marriages

Sproule—Armstrong—In Toronto, on Feb. 14th, A. Sproule, to Miss C. Armstrong, all of Cannington.

Moncrief—Ingram—At Onemec, by the Rev. H. M. Kananawin B.A., B. D., on Wednesday, Feb. 20th. Alonzo Moncrief and Charlotte Sophia Ingram.

O'Connell—Coughlin—At St. Mary's church, Lindsay, on Feb. 19th, by Rev. Mgr. Laurent, Mr. P. J. O'Connell of Ops and Miss M. Coughlin, town.

Leslie—At the Brick Corners, Manvers, on Feb. 25th, Margaret Shea, beloved wife of Mr. John Leslie, aged 35 years.

Rich—Wickett—At Little Britain, on Wednesday, Feb. 27th, by Rev. J. E. Robeson, Mr. James Rich to Al-

ma, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wickett.

Wakelin—Hodgson—At the Methodist parsonage, Cannington, on Feb. 18th, by Rev. T. W. Joffe, Frederick James Wakelin, to Mrs. Edna Melisa Hodgson, all of Sunderland.

Corners—Thompson—At the residence of the bride's father, Wilfrid, on Thursday, Feb. 14th, by Rev. H. Marvin, James Thompson of Toronto, to Miss Annie Corner of Wilfrid.

Everson—Swift—At the residence of Wm. Everson, Thorah, on Wednesday, Feb. 13th, by Rev. J. R. Decker of Beaverton, Ellen Louise Swift, to John Franklin Everson, all of Thorah.

Calvert—McCull—At the residence of the bride's brothers, Cavan township, by the Rev. H. B. Rowe, on Wednesday, 13th inst., John Albert Calvert of Carbury, Man., and Emma McCull of Cavan township.

### Deaths

Robertson.—On the 18th, in Verulam, W. E. Robertson, aged 75 years, son of Thos. Robertson.

Playfair.—In Lindsay, on Saturday, Feb. 24th, Susan Playfair, relict of the late William Playfair, aged 75 years.

Fell.—At Fenelon Falls, on Saturday, Feb. 16th, Euphemia Octavia, daughter of Mr. Johnston Fell, aged 4 months and two weeks.

Watson.—In the township of Somerville on Sunday, Feb. 17th, Frances, wife of Mr. Isaac Watson, aged 76 years and 10 months.

### The Lindsay Markets

GRAIN.	
Fall Wheat per bushel.....	0 00 to 0 05
Spring Wheat per bushel.....	0 00 to 0 05
Flour per ton.....	0 00 to 0 05
Goose Wheat per bushel.....	0 00 to 0 05
COARSE GRAIN.	
Buckwheat.....	0 00 to 0 05
Barley, per bushel.....	0 28 to 0 30
Oats.....	0 00 to 0 05
Oats, small.....	0 00 to 0 05
Peas, Marmites.....	0 00 to 0 05
Peas, Blue.....	0 30 to 0 35
Blackeye peas.....	0 00 to 0 05
VEGETABLES.	
Potatoes, per bag.....	0 30 to 0 35
MEAT, POULTRY AND DAIRY PRODUCE.	
Butter per lb.....	0 18 to 0 20
Chickens, per pair.....	0 40 to 0 45
Eggs, per dozen.....	0 18 to 0 20
Hogs, live weight, per cwt.....	6 50 to 7 00
Hog's dressed, per cwt.....	6 00 to 6 10
Lard, per ton.....	7 00 to 7 10
Lard, per lb.....	0 11 to 0 12
Beef—Hides.....	4 50 to 5 00

Dr. Bowerman, dentist, will be at the Queen's Hotel, Woodville on the first four Fridays in March.